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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on May 9, 2005. A Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 is filed concurrently herewith to swear behind the cited reference Bowman-Amuah, U.S. Patent No. 6,477,580. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the declaration, as the document was only recently discovered upon a search of the author's files.

Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

No Amendments to the Claims are presented in this paper. A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.